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SUBJ: MFA AND HISTADRUT AGREE TO COOPERATE IN AFRICA

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1. ISRAEL HERZ OF THE HISTADRUT INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT TOLD LABATT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN AND HISTADRUT SECRETARY GENERAL MESHEL APRIL 14 DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF MFA-HISTADRUT COOPERATION IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. DAYAN HAD BEEN UPSET BY PRESS STORIES THAT HIS MINISTRY WAS REFUSING SUCH COOPERATION FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

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2. AS A RESULT OF THE MEETING HERZ WILL DEPART ON AN AFRICAN TOUR FIRST WEEK OF MAY WITH ASSURANCES THAT MFA WILL PAY AT LEAST PART OF THE COSTS OF HIS TRIP. HE IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT KENYA, NIGERIA, GHANA, IVORY COAST, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE, THE GAMBIA, AND SENEGAL, ALL COUNTRIES IN WHICH HISTADRUT THROUGH ITS COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

ENTERPRISES, MAINTAINS A PRESENCE.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WILL BE TO DIS USS AFRICAN
SUPPORT FOR HISTADRUT REELECTION TO THE ILO GOVERNING
BODY, AS WELL AS CONTINUING ISRAELI ASSISTANCE AND
TRAINING PROGRAMS TO LOCAL TRADE UNIONS. HERZ EXPECTS
TO MEET NOT ONLY WITH TRADE UNION LEADERS, BUT ALSO
SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

4. ACCORDING TO HERZ, MFA RELUCTANCE TO FUND HISTADRUT
PROGRAMS IS NOT ONLY POLITICAL, BUT ALSO REFLECTS THE
VERY TIGHT FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATION TO THE MINISTRY,
WHICH HAS FORCED IT TO CURTAIL ITS ACTIVITIES IN OTHER
REAS AS WELL. LEWIS

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